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**Introducing the New Faces At the Chamber**



**Jody Gast  
Office Manager**

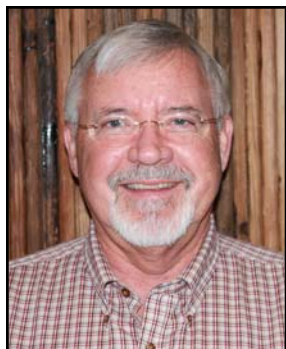
I moved to Prineville, OR in the fall of 1992 and I love this town. Before moving to Prineville I lived in California. I attended Arcata High School, College of the Redwood in Eureka, CA and Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, CA. Growing up I enjoyed High School Rodeo, showing my horse and I participating in the local fair. I am married to Buddy Gast and we have 2 sons, Mike Gast and Brett Gast. About 5 years ago my husband and I started golfing which we really enjoy and we are members at the Prineville Golf Course. I am looking forward to my new position at the Chamber of Commerce and providing a service to our members, community and visitors.



**Jamie Wood  
Communications Coordinator**

I was born and raised in Prineville, and have seen the town go through many changes over the years. I graduated from CCHS, and recently I have been attending Central Oregon Community College. I am expecting to graduate soon with a degree in Computer Information Systems, with web development being a large part of my curriculum. I have worked in a variety of jobs with the public, including my own business as a professional artist; and I am excited about this opportunity to work for the Chamber, to be able to put into practice the skills I have acquired at COCC. I look forward to getting to know the local businesses community & helping them in any way that I can.

**NEW!**  
**HOSTING OPPORTUNITY!**  
**HOST THE**  
**PRINEVILLE CROOK COUNTY**  
**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
**MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP LUNCH**  
**Don't miss this opportunity! Reserve Your Date Now!**  
**Call Jamie at the Chamber for more details**



**Bill Gowen**  
Chamber CEO

## A Message From Your Chamber CEO

### PRINEVILLE-CROOK COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Prineville-Crook County Chamber of Commerce is to encourage a culture of Business and Community coming together in partnership, understanding that our success is measured by the economic vitality of our community.

The preceding Mission Statement was developed by the board of directors during their annual planning retreat last month.

This statement is succinct and yet precise in its simplicity. As the chamber focuses its energy and resources to benefit our MEMBERS this statement will serve to guide our decisions.

The board this year placed a strong emphasis on evaluating everything we do to insure it advances the business community and its relationship within community as a whole.

The staff and I are looking forward to hearing from you our MEMBERS. Tell what's working and what's not.

Do you have an idea for improving our service or our representation of our MEMBERS please share it?

Bill

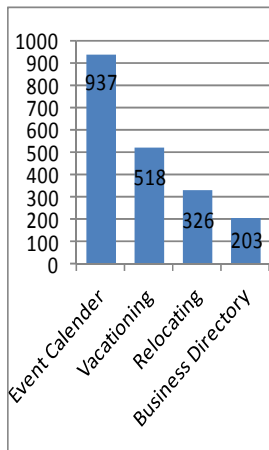
### August Website Statistics.

3,299 unique visitors from 44 different countries, accessing 11,757 individual pages.

Visitors spent on average 2:05 minutes on our site, looking at 3.47 pages per visit.

71.29% of visitors were new visitors, while 28.71% were returning.

### Breakdown of Pages Visited



### Upcoming Dates Of Interest

September 19—Fall Term Begins at COCC. *Welcome Back Students!*

October 1—Opening Day of Riffle Deer Season. *Welcome Hunters!*

October 10—Columbus Day. *In 1492 Columbus sailed the ocean blue....*

### MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA

SEPTEMBER 28 2011

BROTHERS DINER BANQUET ROOM

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

- 12:00-12:15 pm Sign-in and Networking
- 12:15 pm Call to Order
- 12:15-12:20 pm Introductions
- 12:20-12:45 pm Guest Speaker The National Career Readiness Certificate
- 12:45-12:50 pm Host Speaker Habitat for Humanity
- 12:50-12:55 pm Chamber & Member Announcements
- 12:55 pm Adjournment



# News

State of Oregon • Employment Department • [www.QualityInfo.org](http://www.QualityInfo.org)

## Crook County

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 15.6 percent in July, up 0.2 percentage point from June's revised rate of 15.4 percent.

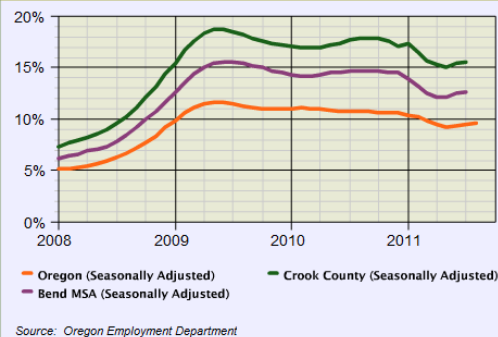
This is the second month in a row that the rate increased after five months of decline. However, the situation is better now than it was one year ago. In July 2010 the rate in Crook County was 17.7 percent.

The county lost 40 jobs in July. Typically, the county loses about 70 jobs this time of year, mostly due to the end of the school year.

Two private-sector industries added jobs in July: mining and logging (+20) and retail trade (+20). Two other industries lost jobs: education and health services (-20) and wholesale trade (-10).

All other private-sector industries reported no change in employment between June and July.

## Unemployment Rates



**Jason Carr**  
**Manager**  
**Prineville**  
**Economic**  
**Development**

## Prineville Economic Development

As the new school year begins, so do a few changes for the office of Prineville Economic Development. First, I'd like to let the community know that my office has moved locations and is now housed at the Open Campus facility on Lynn Blvd. Many thanks go to Greg Lambert of *Mid Oregon Personnel* who graciously donated office space to the program for the past four years. The new address for Prineville Economic Development is 510 SE Lynn Blvd. The Open Campus building is open to the public, so please come down and say hi and check out the new building. Prineville Economic Development is now on facebook! The purpose of the page is to provide information on business information, seminars and conferences, and other important news items and announcements related to economic development. You can simply log onto your facebook account and type in *Prineville Economic Development* and "like" the page.

If you don't already know, Prineville Economic Development is supported by an advisory board of community leaders who oversee the program and provide strategic direction and support. Three new board members have recently joined and they include Linda Cross, Associates Real Estate and chamber board member; Oniko Merabi, Pine Theatre and chamber board member; and Duane Yecha, the new superintendent of the Crook County School District. I'm glad to have these community members on board, and I look forward to working with them in the future.

## Introducing Qualified Candidates to Great Employers

The National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) program was designed to help Employers reduce on the job training, turnover time while increasing productivity. The NCRC program has demonstrated to Oregon Employers "Career Readiness" in Oregon communities, by achieving over 8,500 certificate holders. A NCRC holder takes an initial skills review, and completes a 3 hour proctored assessment that is based on 3 foundational skilled areas: Applied Math, Reading for Information, Locating Information. We invite both Oregon Job Seekers and Employers at no cost to participate in the NCRC program. To learn more visit

[www.oregonncrc.org](http://www.oregonncrc.org) or call your local Oregon Employment Department today!



Crook County Fairgrounds  
P.O. Box 507  
1280 S. Main St.  
Prineville, OR 97754  
Ph 541-447-6575 / Fax 541-447-3225  
ccfgstaff@co.crook.or.us  
www.crookcountyfairgrounds.com

## CROOK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS EVENTS

### Crook County Rodders

**Saturday, Sept. 17**  
Start Time: 7:00 AM  
Main Fairgrounds  
Free to the Public  
Information: Mary-Ann Tomlinson  
541-815-3320  
e-mail crookcorodders@aol.com  
www.ccrodders.com

### Northwest NPRA Finals

**Friday-Sunday, September 23-25<sup>th</sup>**  
Indoor Arena, Grounds  
Information: Randy Amis  
541-480-3165, or Jean 503-481-3384  
e-mail: ccrodeo@hotmail.com  
visit:  
www.nwprorodeo.org

### Mt. Bachelor Kennel Club

**Friday -- Sunday Sept. 30-October 2**  
Start Time: Fri 2:00pm/Sat-Sun 8:30am  
Indoor Arena  
Free to the Public  
Information: Sandy Lachowski  
541-388-4979  
www.mbkcc.org

### GOBRA Trail Ride

**Friday—Sunday – Sept. 30-October 2**  
Start Time: 8:00am  
Grounds

Information: Michele Youker  
541-447-4139

### Can Chaser Barrel Racing

**Saturday, October 8**  
Indoor Arena  
Free to the Public  
Information: Judee Hagen  
541-416-9099  
www.canchaser.com

### Harvest Ball and Barbeque

**Saturday, October 15**  
Carey Foster Hall  
Time: 5:00pm-11:00pm  
Information: Bob Ervin  
541-447-5451  
www.ptranch@crestvilewecable.com

### CRR - Queens Clinic **Saturday - October 22**

Start Time: 10:00 AM  
Indoor Arena  
Information: Amorita Anstett  
541-604-0994  
Pam-rita\_@hotmail.com

### Antique & Collectibles Auction

**Saturday – October 29, 2011**  
Carey Foster Hall  
Start Time: 9:30 AM  
Information: Ramona Hulick

541-548-5770 or 541-815-6115  
www.auctioneer-4u.net

### Harvest Party **Monday -- October 31**

Start Time: 6:00 PM  
Indoor Arena  
Information: Sue Uptain-Gillham  
541-416-0114  
cccswarriors@questoffice.net

### OBRA Barrel Racing **Saturday – November 5**

Indoor Arena  
Race Time: 11:00 AM  
Free to the Public  
Information: Rhonda Kingsbury,  
541-410-9737  
www.Superturbo pony@aol.com

### Can Chaser Barrel Racing

**Saturday – November 12**  
Indoor Arena  
Race Time: 9:00 AM  
Free to the Public  
Information: Judee Hagen  
541-416-9099  
www.canchaser.com

### Crooked River Roundup Queens Try-Outs **Sunday – November 13**

Indoor Arena  
Start Time: 10:00 AM  
Free to the Public  
Information: Amorita Anstett  
541-604-0994  
Pam-rita\_@hotmail.com

### Santa's Workshop **Saturday – November 19**

Carey Foster Hall  
Time: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
Free to the Public  
Information: Jeannie Searcy,  
Crook Co. Parks & Recreation  
541-447-1209  
www.ccprd.org

### Challenge of the Bulls Bullriding **Saturday, November 26**

Indoor Arena  
Start Time: 7:00pm  
Information: Jason Mattox  
541-580-8901

**HARVEST  
BALL  
AND BBQ!!**  
October 15, 2011

*Proceeds will go toward Honor Flight of Eastern Oregon to enable our WW II veterans to visit Washington D.C.*



Join us at  
Carey Foster Hall  
off of Lynn Blvd. on  
the Crook County  
Fairgrounds

Opening ceremonies  
begin at 6:30 p.m.  
with bagpiping from  
Prineville's very own  
Sagebrush  
Highlanders Pipes  
and Drums!

5:00—6:30 p.m.  
Tri Tip BBQ with Sides and  
Trimmings!  
Adults \$8  
Children (12 and under) \$4  
Tickets can be purchased in  
advance at: Prineville Men's  
Wear, Ochoco Feed, and Fair  
Feed and Supply or from the  
VFW and Band of Brothers  
beginning on 09/08/2011  
Tickets are \$1 more at the  
gate so save money and buy  
them early!

At 7:00 p.m. come  
kick up your heels to  
the music of the Old  
Time Fiddlers and  
Riders in the Dirt!  
Dance admission is  
by donation only.

For more information  
contact:  
Bob Ervin at  
(541) 447-5451

MOVIES AT THE  
PINE THEATER  
STARTING FRIDAY  
SEPT 16TH



**COLOMBIANA PG-13**

Downstairs

The Plot: Cataleya Restrepo (Saldana), who was raised in the U.S. by her uncle to be a top-tier assassin, looks to settle with the Colombian drug lord who executed her parents when she was 10 years old.

Friday 4:00, 7:00

Sat, Sun 1:00, 4:00,  
7:00

Mon - Thur 4:00, 7:00

OPENING ON  
RELEASE  
DOLPHIN TALE



## Event Calendar

**Sep 11 - Nov 27**

### SQUARE DANCING

*The Sagebrush Shufflers have been a Prineville club for 40 years.*

*Join them and learn Oregon's state dance! Learn up to 68 moves over 12 weeks.*

Phone: 541-447-1209

Web: [www.ccprd.org](http://www.ccprd.org)

**Sep 12 - Oct 3**

### DOG OBEDIENCE

*Handler will learn how to teach their dog to sit, down, stay, come, and walk quietly on lead.*

**Sep 13 - Oct 6**

### GYMNASTICS

*Great classes for the novice and beyond. No experience necessary.*

*Sep 13 - Oct 6. Cecil Sly Upstairs Gym, Tues & Thurs, 4:15 to 4:45*

**Sep 14 - Oct 19**

### OIL PAINTING

*This is a great class that caters to both beginners and those interested in improving their skills. Join us and pursue your interests. Juniper Art Guild.*

**Sep 17**

### 6th Annual Crook County Rodders Cruise to the Center of Oregon

*Open to all years, makes, and models! Gates open at 8a.m. New This Year: Automotive Swap Meet!*

Location: Crook County Fairgrounds

Phone: 541-815-3320

**Sep 17**

### Big Crooked River Crawfish Round-Up

*Tickets: \$10 at the event/ \$8.50 pre-sale call (541) 447-3851 Ext: 333*

Location: Pioneer Park

**Sep 17**

### Drive One 4UR School

*BBQ Lunch at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Each test drive you take Ford will donate minimum of \$20 for Crook County Booster Club. Sign up today!*

Location: Robberson Ford

Phone: 541-447-3778

**Sep 21 - 22**

### Central Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Conference

*Redmond will host the annual Central Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Conference.*

**Sep 21**

### American Red Cross Blood Drive

*This September, the American Red Cross invites you to do something amazing. Help save lives by donating blood. Your one donation can help save a life!*

Location: Church of the Nazarene

Phone: 800-733-2767

Sep 23 - 24

**NPRA Finals**

Location: Crook County Fairgrounds

Sep. 24

**Crooked River Fall Festival**

Activities include a Pumpkin Patch, Face Painting, Bake Sale, Balloon, Tattoos, Football Toss, Dunk Tank and much more! Great fun for all ages, bring your camera and get a photo with the Giant Pumpkin! 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Pioneer Park. Tickets are 50 cents. Questions call Victoria 541-420-2920

Sep 24

**Project Connect**

*is a one day event that offers vital services to Central Oregonians who are struggling to make ends meet or experiencing homelessness.*

Location: Deschutes county fairgrounds, Hooker Creek Event Center

Web: [www.projectconnectco.org](http://www.projectconnectco.org)

Sep 30 - Oct 2

**Mt. Bachelor Kennel Club**

*Start time: Fri 2:00 p.m./Sat-Sun 8:30 a.m.*

Location: Crook County Fairgrounds Indoor Arena

Phone: 541-388-4979

Web: [www.mbk.org](http://www.mbk.org)

Sep 30 - Oct 2

**Family Fest 2011**

*Tom Flaskerud Evangelistic Association Presents Family Fest. Plus Other Great Local Talent in The Big White Tent*

Location: Stryker Park

MOVIES  
CONTINUED...



PG-13

Upstairs

Friday 16th 4:30, 7:30

Sat 17th, Sun 18th 1:15,

4:30, 7:30

Mon 19th - Thur 22nd

6:00

**THANK YOU**  
 Eastside Church  
 High Desert RV  
 Mid Oregon Personnel  
 Missionary Baptist Church  
 & Prineville Disposal  
 for using a local contractor for  
 your asphalt maintenance!

Contact Wendels at: 541-447-3959  
[wendels@bendbroadband.com](mailto:wendels@bendbroadband.com)



**Has your information changed?**

Contact the chamber to update your business listing! Review your information on the chambers website...do we have the correct address, phone number, fax number, email address, web address. What about your description is it current and does it say what you want it to say about your business? Send updated information or changes to Jamie at [info@visitprineville.com](mailto:info@visitprineville.com)

*You have a choice on how you receive the newsletter! Let us know if you like to receive it via email, regular mail or fax.*



## Cut Computer and Office Equipment Energy Waste

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, energy use by office equipment is expected to grow by as much as 500 percent in the next decade. Pacific Power offers these tips you can follow to ensure your computers and related equipment are not using unnecessary power:

**Turn off screen savers** – Today's screen savers actually waste power by keeping your computer active.

- ✓ **Turn off equipment when not in use** – Contrary to popular belief, turning off older computers will not wear them down more quickly (as long as it is not more than six times daily).
- ✓ **Configure your computer to "sleep mode"** – ENERGY STAR® settings are being included on more computer systems. Set your power management to turn off your monitor after 10 minutes and your hard disks after 20 minutes.
- ✓ **Consider upgrades** – If your budget allows, look into newer computer models. Efficient flat screen monitors can save you money in the long term.
- ✓ **Consider laptops** – Laptops typically use about one-quarter the electricity of older desktop models.
- ✓ **Unplug chargers** – Laptop, cell phone and other plug-in chargers continue to draw power even when they are not in use.
- ✓ **Use standby mode on copiers and printers during working hours.** This can save significantly on energy use.

More energy-saving information is available at no cost in Pacific Power's online Business Solution Toolkit, at [www.pacificpower.net/toolkit](http://www.pacificpower.net/toolkit).

*Source: Pacific Power and Tech Resources Inc.*

## Welcome The Newest Chamber Members!

### CornerstoneDrafting & Design

**Scott Kuyper**

541-236-8236

7421 SW Houston Lake Rd.

Powell Butte, OR 97754

### Grizzly Mountain Long Riffles

**Diana White**

541-447-4146

P.O. Box 4

Prineville OR 97754

### Fratzke Commercial Real Estate

**Brian Fratzke**

541-306-4948

F: 541-306-4860

936 SW Simpson Ave, Suite 220

Bend, OR 97702

[www.fratcommercial.com](http://www.fratcommercial.com)

### Crook County Properties LLC

**Barbara Warren**

541-447-3020

F: 541-447-2120

691 NE 3rd Street

Prineville, OR 97754

[www.crookcountyproperties.com](http://www.crookcountyproperties.com)





## DON'T GIVE IN TO THIS GRANT COMPANY

### BBB ALERTS - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### *Local "Grant Writer" Takes Money Complaints for Granted*

The alleged "Grant Writer," also known as WWAM USA, has acquired 21 unanswered complaints since January 2011. BBB received 3,176 inquiries in 2010, and to date, 3,776 more inquiries have come in 2011.

Complainants—which are mostly business owners—describe the same sad story: Worldwide Asset Management contacted them regarding "pre-approved" grant money and then convinced them to pay thousands of dollars in upfront fees for application processing or business plan assistance. Ultimately, the company—run by Joseph Guiliano—failed to follow-through or respond to its BBB complaints.

To date, there are also 30 complaints issued with [Oregon Department of Justice](#).

BBB serving Alaska, Oregon and Western Washington endows the following tips:

- **Don't pay for "free" grants.** Read the Federal Trade Commission's warning on "free government grants" at [ftc.gov](#).
- **Don't pay for lists of grant opportunities.** Visit [grants.gov](#) to find grants. Free information is also available at most economic development offices and public libraries.
- **Don't pay for business funding help.** Small business start-up grant information is available for free through the U.S. Small Business Administration at [sba.gov](#) or contact the [local SBA office](#).

Check out companies and report scams at [bbb.org](#).



Scan BBB's QR code to view this

## CHECK OUT COMPANIES INSTANTLY WITH BBB

### *Smartphone Users Can Access BBB Services Via QR Codes*

BBB's Quick Response Codes—also called QR Codes—will link to various consumer-friendly online programs and features: including BBB Business Reviews, news releases, events and more!

**How it works:** QR Codes are miniature electronic barcodes that store data, such as contact information, geo-locations and website links. Businesses can post QR Codes on websites, advertisements, coupons, products, maps and other items. Consumers who have downloaded QR Code Reader applications or "Apps" on their web-enabled smartphones—Androids, iPhones or Blackberrys—can physically scan QR Codes with their mobile devices and instantly connect to business' information online.

#### **BBB's Quick Response Codes will allow consumers to:**

- Check BBB Business Reviews to verify a company's rating or BBB Accreditation.
- Access BBB fraud alerts, news releases and tips.
- View information on BBB programs and events.

Crook County



After the Bell

## Enrolling Now for Crook County After the Bell

A new afterschool program available to youth 1st-5th grade offering 4-H, Parks and Recreation, SMART, and variety of other fun and academic based activities.

- Only \$2.75 per day.
- The Program is located at Crooked River Elementary.
- School bus transportation to site daily from any elementary school in town.

For more information or to enroll, contact Jeremy Green at 541-447-6228 or stop by the OSU Crook County Extension Office on Lynn Blvd. <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/crook>

Volunteers wanted: be a SMART reader, mentor, tutor, share a hobby, teach a class, BE THE DIFFERENCE in a child's life. To volunteer contact Jeremy Green at 541-447-6228.



Inspiring youth in civic engagement,  
healthy living, and science exploration!

In Partnership with:





## TIME CAPSULE 2086

The 1950's Time Capsule, which was found in the wall of the new History Center during the recent Bowman Museum renovation, has inspired the Crook County Historical Society and the Bowman Museum to bury their own Time Capsule! We are inviting the businesses and community members to contribute items to the Time Capsule.

### ONE DAY DIARY ITEM

The one item that we would like as many to contribute to as possible is a WRITTEN DIARY OF ONE DAY OF YOUR LIFE between now and Oct. 1. Record what time you got up, what and when you ate, how long you spent on the computer etc. If you go shopping, where did you go, what did you buy and how much did it cost? If you went to work, where is it, how did you get there etc. What did you do in the evening?

You can type up your diary and print it out or e-mail it to Bowman Museum at [bowmuse@crestviewcable.com](mailto:bowmuse@crestviewcable.com) or write it out (pencil is suggested rather than ink pen). If you want, put it in a sealed envelope. The diaries will not be made public and will be sealed in the time capsule for 75 years.

### OTHER SUGGESTED TIME CAPSULE ITEMS AND GUIDELINES

Some things last better than others. Paper items are best when of good quality. Newsprint and inexpensive yellow tablet paper, for instance, deteriorates more quickly. You can photo copy newspaper items.

Make a prediction! What will Prineville and Crook County be like in 2086? What will the population be, major industries, agriculture, etc.?? Sign your name to the prediction.

Black and White photos last better than color. Color photocopies would be better than traditional color photos.

Avoid foods, leather, wool, silk and nylon fabric. Cotton fabric lasts well.

PVC (polyvinyl chloride), vinyl sheeting, natural rubber or polyurethane foam may deteriorate quickly and release gases that can harm other materials in the capsule space. These materials are commonly found in toys, dolls and other objects. They can be used if isolated from other items in the capsule, such as enclosed in a polyethylene zip lock closure bag.

Pictures: think of everyday things that show how we live today: the inside of your house, your computer room, your home entertainment center, your work place, your car, etc. Try to label everything as to names and places.

Businesses: Advertisements, cards, labeled pictures of the inside and outside of your business. A description of an average day at your business.

Electronics: Examples of technology can be enclosed without batteries, such as cell phones, DVD's, CD's, iPods etc. The technology will probably be so different that a DVD for instance could not be read.

The Museum Board and Staff will have final say about what is in the capsule, since certain things might be found to cause potential deterioration problems. No one will know what is included in the capsule, so it will be a surprise to those who open it!

### OPEN HOUSE OCTOBER 1, 1-4 PM

Time Capsule Items, other than the one day diaries, will be on display on October 1 from 1-4 PM. At that time you can also see our traveling exhibit from the Oregon Historical Society called "Oregon: 150 Years of Statehood; 150 Million Years in the Making" Some treats will also be provided.

